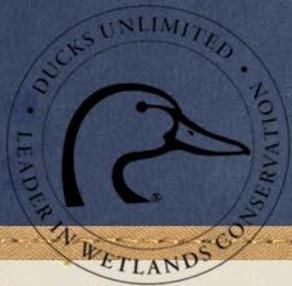


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GREAT LAKES/ATLANTIC REGION

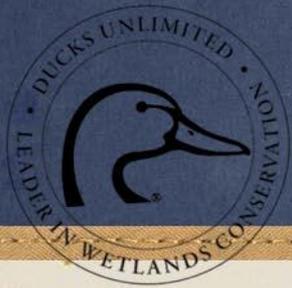


Who is DU?



- Founded in 1937
- Mission: To conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.
- Over 650,000 members nationwide, over 28,000 of which are here in MI.
- Conserved over 15 million acres across North America to-date, 87,000 of which are in MI.



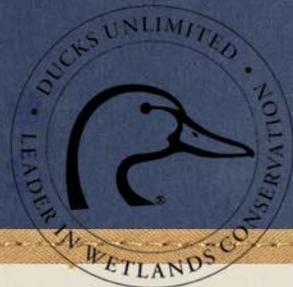


Who is DU?



- Michigan is home to DU's Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office



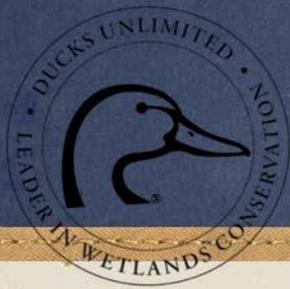


Who is DU?



- DU is a science-based organization that makes strategically targeted conservation investments across the landscape.
- Waterfowl are some of the most well researched forms of wildlife, with over 100 years of data from surveys and scientific inquiry.
- Modern day conservation decision-making involves utilization of band recovery data, state-of-the-art spatial analysis, waterfowl energetics modeling, and hi-tech tracking techniques



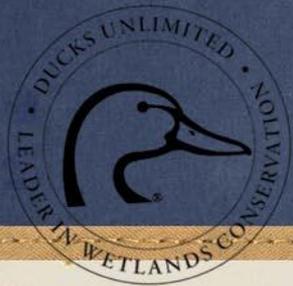


Michigan DU Conservation Program



- Focus is on public lands work; specifically, enhancing and maintaining water control infrastructure on our wildlife areas and refuges.
- Other important elements include private lands work in partnership with USFWS.



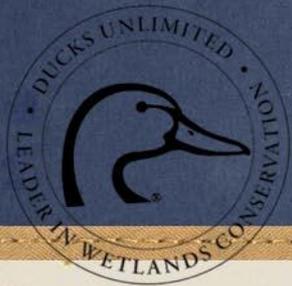


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Aerial Tour of Maple River State Game Area





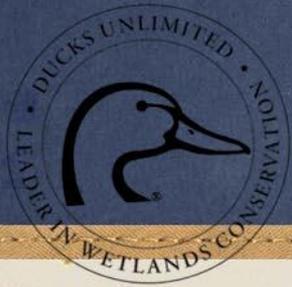
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- **Lake Erie Water Quality Pilot Project**

- Public/Private partnership to restore an approximately 80-acre parcel for the purposes of Lake Erie water quality.
- Funding from MNRTF and U.S. EPA ~ \$2.8 million
- DU's spatial analysis narrowed project site possibilities from >20,000 to just 42.
- We anticipate significant progress will be made on site selection, acquisition, and water quality monitoring in CY21.

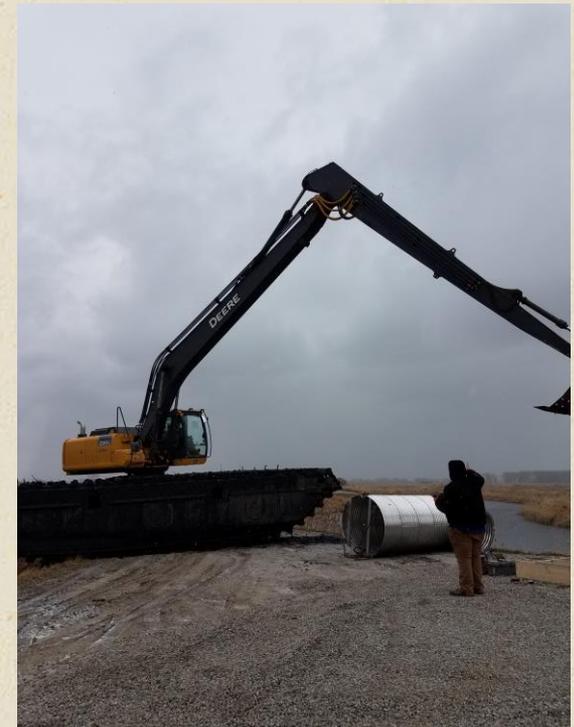


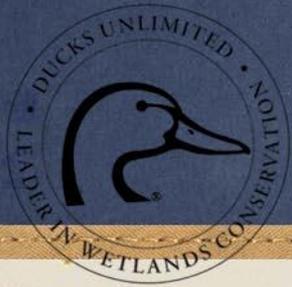


Opportunities Ahead



- Expansion of private lands conservation work via partnership with DNR and USFWS
- Strategic public land expansion and habitat restoration in SE Michigan





Thank you!

Questions?



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